IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Cr.Misc. No.31506 of 2008
RAVINDRA KUMAR SINGH
Versus
THE STATE OF BIHAR

For the Petitioner:- Mr. Abhay Kumar Singh No.1, Advocate

For the Respondent:- Mr. Nand Kumar, A.P.P.

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3 12.8.2008 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

Petitioner has been made accused under Sections 419, 420, 120B, 467, 468 of the Indian Penal Code.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is not involved in withdrawal of the alleged amount. The allegation against him is to the extent that he has introduced the alleged fake signature of Sharmila Khatoon for granting Cheque facility from whose account Rs. 1,80,000/- has illegally been withdrawn. Further submission is that it has come during the course of investigation that Rs. 1,50,000/- was withdrawn by withdrawal slip whereas only Rs. 30,000/- has been withdrawn by Cheque. Learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn my attention towards the order dated 11.9.2006 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 711 of 2006 whereby a Bench of this Court while granting anticipatory bail to the co-accused namely, Chandra Mauleshwar has observed that the Bank authorities has confirmed that the sums illegally withdrawn have been duly credited to the account of the account holder as per the report of the Central Bank Authority which was called for by the early order dated 5.7.2006 by this Court. Further submission is that other co-accused persons namely, Chandra

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Mauleshwar, Kameshwar Singh, Sahadeo Ram, Birendra Kumar Chauhan, not named in F.I.R. and the co-accused namely Rajeev Kumar Singh who is also named in the F.I.R. like the petitioner, have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in Cr. Misc. No. 711 of 2006 dated 11.9.2006, Cr. Misc. No. 11948 of 2007 dated 21.3.2007, Cr. Misc. No. 39993 of 2006 dated 18.10.2006, Cr. Misc. No. 46193 of 2006 dated 16.11.2006 and Cr. Misc. No. 18923 of 2007 dated 3.8.2007 respectively. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is in Jail since 19.5.2008 and he has already been dismissed from the service also. He submits that there has already been much atonement on his part.

Learned counsel for the State submits that this is a case of illegal withdrawal of heavy amount from the account of illiterate woman Sharmila Khatoon.

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In the facts and circumstances of the case and in view of aforesaid submissions, I direct the petitioner namely, Ravindra Kumar Singh, to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of S.D.J.M., Sheohar in connection with Sheohar P.S. Case No. 61 of 2003

P.K. **(Dr. Ravi Ranjan, J.)**